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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3738
Stephen C. Porter)
Serial No.: 10/695,151) Confirmation No.: 6462
Filed: October 27, 2003)
For: VASO-OCCLUSIVE DEVICES WITH)
IN-SITU STIFFENING ELEMENTS)
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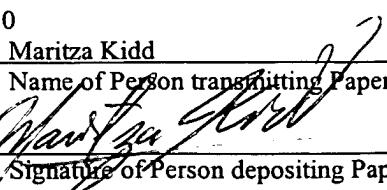
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